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# Museum sale is 'win-win,' says buyer

## Leaseback agreement.

Search is on for  
attraction's new home



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Its building may have been sold, but the London Children's Museum has a home for as long as it wants, the new owner said Monday.

Shmuel Farhi, president of Farhi Holdings, said the real estate company paid "a few shekels" for the museum building at 21 Wharncliffe Rd. S.

One day, he expects to see businesses there, but for now it will stay a family attraction.

"They're going to be in the building for several years, to find out what the long-term plan for them is," Farhi said.

Proceeds from the sale will help the museum's volunteer board search for a new home.

Their quest to move from the prime spot on Wharncliffe was announced in October and the board is still saying it will take two to four years to complete.

"We had lots of conversations with this community about what they wanted for the future of the children's museum," said executive director Amanda Conlon. "They told us that what they're looking for is a state-of-the-art cultural and education destination in this city."

## Quoted

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Shmuel Farhi, president of Farhi Holdings, on the building housing the London Children's Museum.

ector Amanda Conlon. "They told us that what they're looking for is a state-of-the-art cultural and education destination in this city."

"I think this is one step in the process of us delivering on that dream."

But what happens to the current building?

"I think it's a great site strategically," Farhi said. "It's sitting at the Forks of the Thames. It's a beautiful building itself."

The purchase is a "win-win" for all involved, he said, confirming he wanted to buy the building and not just the site. That building is to be "reutilized and recycled" for future use, Farhi added.

"It's a great site for professional people to be," he said. "It's very artsy. It could be good for marketing, high-tech. A lot of things could be done there."



# TICKETS FOR THE TAKING

Tia Williamson, 20, of London, is all smiles after picking up her Memorial Cup tickets Monday at Budweiser Gardens. It was the first day the tickets were available and it will be the first Memorial Cup for Williamson when the hockey tournament lands in town May 16-25. As she was picking up tickets, the London Knights were on the ice practising for the big show. Story on page 17. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO



Next stop: London. Developing more sites near Highway 401 is one of the aims of the city's industrial land strategy. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

# New approach to bringing in employers to London

**Development corporation.** Staff to look into creating new organization



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A plan to create a new arms-length corporation to help entice employers come to London proved popular at city hall Monday.

A major part of the city's job-creation plans, the \$120-million industrial land strategy, received approval in principle, despite some disagreements at the strategic priorities and policy committee.

Assuming council agrees on Tuesday — and the strategic priorities committee is made up of all members of council, so it's a fair assumption — it means that city staff can start work on an industrial land development corporation, a new organization with the task of implementing the strategy.

That task involves buying up land, using public money, and getting it ready for industry by putting in utilities and other infrastructure. Council's heard that it has to be of-

## At a glance

- At completion, London's industrial land strategy is expected to generate more than 8,000 jobs and have an economic impact of \$400 million a year for Southwestern Ontario, according to a report from city staff.

fered in a variety of sizes and in the right place, too. The best spots are south of the Thames River and near Highway 401, city staff said.

It's "the largest industrial land strategy in London's history," said city manager Art Zuidema, who confirmed that approaches have been made to the feds and province to pitch in with funding.

"I think it's essential that we have the optimum model in place to implement it," Zuidema said. "Our goal is to ensure that we and our community (get) the maximum return on the investment you're going to be making on industrial lands."

He said city staff anticipates that, with council's direction to proceed, a full business case — and the decision to create the new corporation — will be before council in

September.

Coun. Joe Swan said he liked the idea, comparing it to the London Transit Commission or library board. It's right to find "specialized skills" for certain jobs, he said.

Mayor Joe Fontana repeated a phrase that's becoming common at city hall, saying the city should have "more red carpet and less red tape."

But Coun. Paul Van Meerbergen warned of "bloated" bureaucracy, opposing the creation of the new corporation.

"It's red carpet held together with red tape," he said.

Van Meerbergen pointed out that it's already city policy to buy land for development, so he didn't see why it should need a new organization.

"Why are we even contemplating setting up an additional entity that will just build and add to bureaucracy?" he asked.

The committee signalled staff to go ahead with the plans, although they will need final approval in the fall.

Zuidema also provided assurances to Coun. Harold Usher that the new body will not replace the London Economic Development Corporation.

"There is no plan through this report to eliminate LEDC," Zuidema said.

## Nick Steinburg

### London West Liberals' likely candidate revealed

A former staffer in the office of Chris Bentley is likely to become the Liberals' candidate for London West.

Nick Steinburg, 25, an employment specialist at the non-profit organization LEADS Employment Services, is the only potential candidate so far.

A Londoner, he's a Western

University psychology graduate and former student at London Central Secondary School. He was a constituency assistant for Bentley, who resigned as an MPP in February 2013.

Scott Courtice, president of the London West Provincial Liberal Riding Association, said Steinburg was the only person to file nomination papers for the party. The riding association is making arrangements with the provincial party to hold a nomination meeting.

"Barring somebody else

submitting their nomination papers that we're not aware of, hopefully we'll be able to get him nominated by the weekend," Courtice said.

Bentley held London West for the Grits for 10 years, but resigned as an MPP and minister due to the gas plants scandal. Last summer, a byelection saw Peggy Sattler take the seat for the New Democrats, pushing the Liberals' Ken Coran into third behind Ali Chahbar for the Progressive Conservatives.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

## Development. London Hydro wants its own lands

London Hydro has a Plan B for its lands at 111 Horton St., if a big redevelopment doesn't work out.

Last year, Kilmer Brownfield Equity Fund — which has Toronto Maple Leafs owner Larry Tanenbaum as a leading figure — announced a planned high-rise for the site. It promised 500 jobs and 750 homes.

But Vinay Sharma, chief

executive officer of London Hydro, has other ideas.

"If nothing was to happen with that development, then we would be willing to purchase that land from the city," he told the strategic priorities and policy committee Monday.

Board chair Peter Johnson explained to council members that being "forced to move" would mean high costs for London Hydro. METRO



# Hit-and-run sentencing emotional



Josh Switzer, right, was killed in a 2012 hit-and-run. He's pictured with fellow Lambda Chi Alpha brother Daniel DiCarlo at a fraternity formal. COURTESY JUSTIN FIOLA

**Carried over.** Josh Switzer was killed by driver in 2012



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Sentencing for a 36-year-old man who pleaded guilty in the hit-and-run death of a Western University student has been carried over to a later date.

Darrin Norton was in court Monday as a judge heard emotional victim-impact statements and lengthy submissions from defence and Crown lawyers.

Norton, of St. Thomas, was camping with friends and his 8-year-old son near the Thames River on the night of May 18, 2012. Norton had burned his arm earlier in the evening, and by 3 a.m. May 19 he'd had enough of the pain and the cold weather and packed up to leave.

It was about an hour later that he hit Josh Switzer, a 22-year-old London native, as he jogged in the middle of a darkened construction zone on

Highbury Avenue near Fanshawe Park Road, the court heard.

Switzer was wearing dark clothing, and Norton "didn't see him until he was right on top of him," defence lawyer Brian Chambers told the court.

That's when Norton panicked, Chambers said, and told his son he'd hit a deer. It was the same story he'd tell his camping friends later, and a neighbour he consulted about repairing the extensive damage to the front of his pickup truck.

Chambers said Norton never called police because he'd made a bad decision and didn't know how to get out of it.

Switzer's mother, Pam, said she wishes she could lie down beside his grave and have God take her, too.

Since his death, she's suffered panic attacks. She said she fears police lied to her "and that he didn't die right away and that he needed his mom."

Switzer brother, Ben, said he'll always feel like he failed his brother and described the death as a "grotesque act of violence."

Lawyers will return to court May 13 to set a date to conclude the sentencing.

## DUI. Man charged after truck plows into home

A 57-year-old St. Thomas man faces an impaired driving charge after police said he ran his pickup truck into a house in the city's south end at about 2:35 a.m. Sunday.

Police said the man had been drinking at a nearby bar and was on his way home when the crash happened. He allegedly failed to navigate a curve on a residential street, hit a tree and then the house.

Witnesses called the cops

after hearing and seeing the collisions. The suspect was taken to the police station, where he provided a breath sample. Police said the sample contained twice the legal limit of alcohol.

The man has been released from custody and will answer to the charge at a future court date.

Minor damage was done to the home hit by the pickup, and no one inside was injured, police said. **SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO**

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# The sky may be falling, but experts have a 'handle' on it

**Meteors.** There have been several recent sightings in Southwestern Ontario



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It's like Southwestern Ontario has become the place where meteors go to die.

In March, a meteor blasted through the atmosphere, captured live on Western Univer-

sity cameras, and hurtled to the ground near St. Thomas.

It was such a big deal that Western professors and a NASA scientist organized a news conference. People from hundreds of miles away come to the area just to look for golf-ball-size chunks of rock in the woods.

Then another one streaked over Toronto and Peterborough Sunday — a rare daylight spotting of a meteor believed to be about a metre wide.

Throw in one the size of a city bus that blew by the Earth at closer range than the moon

on Saturday and the experts start talking, not only about what came, but about what might be on its way and the destruction something a little bigger could cause.

For example, meteors 30 or 40 metres wide are flying through space all the time and most of them go unseen, said Margaret Campbell-Brown, an associate professor of physics and astronomy at Western. If one that large were to hit a city like, say, London, the damage could be catastrophic.

But, she said, there's no

need to panic.

"The very big things, the sort of civilization-ending impacts, aren't very likely in the near future because we have a pretty good handle on the very large, near-earth asteroids in the kilometre-size range," she said. "But something in the tens of metres or slightly larger, we don't have a good handle on where they are."

Scientists and former astronauts have started raising money to build a telescope that will be able to detect large space rocks.

## Five fun meteor facts:

- A meteor shower occurs when the Earth passes through the trail of debris left by a comet or asteroid.
- A meteor that reaches the ground is called a meteorite.
- A fireball is a meteor that is brighter than the planet Venus.
- The International Space Station has shielding to protect it from meteors up to an inch wide.
- Meteors are bits of rocks and ice ejected from comets as they move in their orbits about the sun.



## Get out the designer shades

It's official: Patio season has arrived. With warmer weather creeping in — and rain finally taking a break — on Monday, Justin Wolfe was assembling the patio at the Early Bird Café on Talbot Street downtown. Wolfe said he wanted to make sure he could offer downtown dining in time for the Memorial Cup hockey tournament, which starts next week. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

## Emergency preparedness. Get ready for the worst, and look after vulnerable

There's a focus on the needs of others in bad times this week as London takes part in National Emergency Preparedness Week.

It's a wider theme than usual, with people asked to consider reaching out to neighbours, families and friends who are vulnerable or can't support themselves during an emergency.

Organizations involved in emergency planning had a launch event Monday at Reginald Cooper Square outside city hall.

A new partnership with the London Intercommunity Health Centre, in Old East Village, was announced at the event. The partnership will help manage the impact a disaster might have on vulnerable people.

## The inside scoop

- Locals can tour the city's emergency operations centre at Byron Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

"London is a very safe city," said London community emergency management coordinator Dave O'Brien.

"We'd like everyone to be aware of how well our community can respond together in the event of an emergency."

London's emergency management program works to reduce the impact of a crisis before, during and after an event.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

## A little bit country. Eric Church tickets to go on sale this week

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday for country music star Eric Church's Nov. 13 stop at Budweiser Gardens.

They cost \$65 and \$39.50 and are available at Budweiser Gardens, Masonville Place Guest Services, Western Connections at Western University, BooksPlus and the Fanshawe College Biz Booth. They're also available online

at budweisergardens.com.

The show is part of Church's The Outsiders World Tour, which launches Sept. 11.

Dwight Yoakam will be a special guest with alternating opening acts for the tour's first leg including Brothers Osborne, Brandy Clark and hard rockers Halestorm.

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# City set to approve eight food trucks

**Bylaw changes.**  
Final decision rests  
with full council



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The debate has swung back and forth, but the idea of food trucks in London is still alive.

For 24 hours, at least.

A special meeting of a city hall committee on Monday

looked at the details of bylaw changes that, if approved, will put food trucks in public parking spots.

But the community and protective services committee again heard concerns that allowing trucks to undercut existing restaurants will close businesses and cost the city jobs.

Mayor Joe Fontana started the debate by warning of a "Pandora's box." Allowing this change, he said, could hurt downtown, Old East, Byron and Wortley Village.

"There's no doubt that the restaurant business is a tough business," Fontana said. "It requires a lot of investment, not only in equipment and location, but in people."

There were similar worries from Couns. Bill Armstrong and Judy Bryant, who combined their efforts in a motion designed to end the food trucks debate for the rest of the year.

That failed, but only after Coun. Matt Brown, the committee's chair, used his vote, joining forces with Fontana to

stand against letting the debate die. Only four committee members were present.

"My sense is that Londoners are largely in favour of this," Brown said.

The food trucks debate has taken two years, he said, and the city shouldn't send the wrong message to entrepreneurs by making it last three.

After the meeting, an emotional John Stobie of Stobie's Pizza said allowing food trucks will lead to "gaps" downtown as restaurants close.

## As it stands


- A committee agreed Monday that food trucks can set up, but their decision could be reversed or altered by council Tuesday night.
- The current agreement, based on changes suggested by Mayor Joe Fontana, would allow for eight trucks to use public parking spots.
- It sets the licence fee at \$2,865 for a new application, double the original proposal, and sets the buffer zone between trucks and restaurants or homes to 50 metres.
- There's also a ban on food trucks on Richmond Row, which affects just five parking spots.

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## SW Ont. not big target as election campaign buses roll



Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath speaks with a convenience store owner as she campaigns in Toronto on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Campaign buses for the June 12 Ontario election left Queen's Park on Monday, heading directly to the vote-rich suburban area surrounding Toronto, known as "the 905" because of its original area code.

A sign of where the real battle will be fought, all three party leaders visited the heavily populated and fast-growing region, which was a mix of Liberal and NDP seats provincially but where many ridings are held federally by Conservatives.

Premier Kathleen Wynne's campaign bus landed at her old high school in Richmond Hill, where she talked to students about the importance of leadership and how to make a valid argument without attacking your opponent.

"At this very school, I learned that if you want to really have everyone come onside, in the end it's about being positive and not tearing each other down," said Wynne.

Progressive Conservative

Leader Tim Hudak ventured west to a recording studio in nearby Mississauga, where he talked about his five-point plan to create one million jobs over 10 years.

"What the province needs right now is a premier who is focused like a laser on job creation and a long-term plan to turn our province around, not short-term popularity," said Hudak.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath campaigned in Brampton, including some old-fashioned

"mainstreeting," where she attacked her opponents and said the New Democrats would protect the average voter.

"The Liberal government has been plagued with scandal and with waste and basically put a budget together to try to cover up, frankly, their dismal record," said Horwath. "The Conservative party spent a lot of time making noise and causing trouble but not really focusing on the results of Ontarians."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Military. Canadian officer testifies harassment led to his desertion in Florida

An officer in the Royal Canadian Navy who pleaded guilty to desertion testified Monday that he left his post on a ship after he was subjected to deplorable behaviour that included a colleague urinating on his cabin floor.

Lt. Derek De Jong, 43, told a court martial that while he was wrong to leave his post aboard HMCS Preserver, he was harassed and his commanding officer failed to properly investigate his concerns.

De Jong left the supply vessel on Sept. 17, 2012, while it was docked in Key West, Fla., and he returned to Halifax, where he turned himself in to military police.

He said there were a series of incidents leading up to his desertion that began in late August that year.

On Aug. 20, De Jong had a conflict with another crew member over the handling of alleged misbehaviour by a female subordinate, he told his sentencing hearing.

The next day, a female officer came into his cabin while he was still asleep, pulled down her pants, squatted and urinated on the floor, he said. De Jong said he reported the incident to the supply officer and the ship's commanding officer but no formal inquiry resulted.

He said a senior officer later

### Quoted

**"It's not a norm in Canadian society that we treat each other this way."**

Lt. Derek De Jong

joked, "Some men have to pay for a service like that," and a sign was briefly attached to his cabin door that said, "Women's head," a reference to a nautical term for a woman's bathroom.

"I don't think people should have to tolerate this kind of behaviour," De Jong said Monday.

He said after the incident he felt he was working in a "toxic" environment, and he heard second-hand that he was no longer welcome in the wardroom among officers and other colleagues.

On the day before he deserted, he advised his superior officers against giving an excessive amount of alcohol to 270 crew members to celebrate the completion of their military operation in the Caribbean, the court martial heard.

But he said his advice was ignored and as a result, some sailors became so inebriated that they had to be returned to the ship by local police.

The maximum sentence for desertion under the National Defence Act is life in prison.

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### Post-traumatic stress

## Compassion demanded for soldier with PTSD

Opposition parties accused the Harper government of breaking its word, demanding the military show compassion for a soldier who attempted suicide last year and has been put back on the fast-track for dismissal.

Master Cpl. Kristian Wolowidnyk made headlines last November when it was revealed he tried to take his own life after the army began the process of giving him a medical discharge because of his post-traumatic stress disorder.

The military backed down when his case became public, but last week reversed itself and said he doesn't qualify to remain in the military.

"That's ridiculous," said NDP MP Christine Moore, a nurse who served in the military. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Election robocalls

## NDP calls on PM to answer questions about robocalls

The NDP wants Prime Minister Stephen Harper to explain how the Conservative party's massive database wound up being used to send misleading robocalls to voters during the 2011 election campaign.

New Democrat MP David Christopherson intends to move a motion Tuesday asking the procedure and House affairs committee to study the way in which the Conservative database was used as what he calls "a voter suppression tool."

As part of that study, Christopherson's motion asks that Harper be invited to appear before the committee to answer questions about the matter.

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A Martian space habitat is shown in this artist's rendering. Artist Bryan Versteeg started working on the Martian space habitat after he was approached by the founders of the Mars One Foundation, which is planning a one-way mission to the red planet. The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to the red planet has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of candidates on Monday. BRYAN VERSTEEG/SPACEHABS.COM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 54 Canadians remain on standby list for Mars

## Fantastic voyage.

Ambitious Mars One project pares down the number of potential applicants for one-way mission to red planet

The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to Mars has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of potential worldwide candidates on Monday.

The Dutch-based non-profit organization said 705 people still remain in con-

tention and will be subject to an interview by their selection committee.

The Mars One project, an ambitious plan to establish a permanent human settlement on the planet beginning in 2025, is the brainchild of Dutch entrepreneur Bas Landorp.

The 54 Canadians remaining are divided equally between male and female candidates.

Christy Foley, a 33-year-old Alberta government employee, is among the candidates who'll get an interview.

Foley said Monday she's not having any second

### Seeing red — they hope

Initially, Mars One had an applicant pool of more than 200,000 from 100 countries, including 8,243 Canadians.

- Last December, the organization reduced that to 1,058 candidates, including 75 Canadians.
- A third of the total candidates were cut, leaving the current crop of 705.

thoughts about the one-way trip and is still very excited, adding her family doctor ap-

peared surprised when she explained the reason for a complete medical.

"He said he never had this type of request before, so I guess Edmonton doesn't produce many astronaut wannabes," Foley said.

She and her husband had both applied when the call went out, but he was not chosen.

The majority of the remaining 54 Canadian hopefuls are from the Toronto region, but there's also a large contingent from British Columbia. Alberta and Quebec are next on the list, but other provinces also boast candidates. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Former Alberta premier Alison Redford. DEAN BENNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Redford returns to legislature

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford has returned to the legislature for the first time since she quit more than a month ago.

Redford is now a government backbencher representing the riding of Calgary-Elbow.

She has not been in the

house since she stepped down March 23, but says she has been working in her constituency.

She did not answer questions on stories that have made headlines since her resignation, including a plan to have taxpayers build her a lavish penthouse suite on

top of a government building.

Redford says those issues have been addressed by others in government and she has nothing to add.

She says her time away included a much-needed family vacation in Palm Springs.

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# Newfoundland town puts beached whale on eBay

**Free shipping?** Scheme shot down by site, now mayor hopes museum will show interest

A Newfoundland town's efforts to have a dead sperm whale removed from its coastline have hit a snag.

But the mayor of the community remains hopeful that someone will step forward to take the carcass of the 12-metre mammal off his hands.

Peter Fenwick, the mayor of Cape St. George on Newfoundland's west coast, put the whale up for sale on eBay. But the website took the auction down Monday because it violates its policies on animals and wildlife products, Fenwick said.

"Our major objective was to get rid of the whale, and we feel that there may be enough out there who know about it, who may be interested in it," said Fenwick in an interview.

"If they want a free whale, we'll be glad to give it to them, provided they can make suitable arrangements to remove



A sperm whale carcass sits on shore in Cape St. George, N.L., in this recent photo. The large carcass recently washed up on shore, posing a problem several Newfoundland communities have had to wrestle with this season: how to dispose of one. CONTRIBUTED

it from the beach and put it in a place where it's not a major annoyance to the community."

Fenwick said the whale washed up on shore about a week ago in an area known as Marches Point near houses and a fishing station. But he said residents in the town of 900

aren't interested in it becoming a permanent fixture.

"It starts to smell after a while, and when a whale starts to rot, it's the worst smell I've ever smelled in my life," said Fenwick. "We've really got to get rid of it."

Fenwick said disposing the

carcass is the responsibility of the town and both the provincial and federal governments haven't offered any help.

He said he received a call from the federal Environment Department earlier in the day saying the sale of the whale could violate environmental

regulations.

Environment Canada did not return a request for comment Monday.

Fenwick said a local fisherman with a large boat was asked to haul the animal to a deserted beach, but the fisherman said the carcass was too big to tow.

"So then we thought, 'Maybe there's a museum somewhere that would like to purchase it, and if there is, let's advertise it on eBay and see if anybody is interested.'"

Newfoundland's Trout River and Rocky Harbour, two communities located roughly 250 kilometres north of Cape St. George, recently reached a deal with the Royal Ontario Museum to retrieve the carcasses of blue whales that have been rotting along their shores.

Fenwick said he hopes museums have caught wind of his town's whale.

"If they call us, we'll be glad to talk to them and if they can come on down and arrange for a bit of equipment to do something, fine, they can get a free whale," said Fenwick with a laugh. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Weight loss. Doctor set to appeal discipline

A key player in the country's weight-loss industry is set to appeal discipline meted out to him by the body that regulates the medical profession in Ontario for violating advertising rules.

Dr. Stanley Bernstein wants the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board to overturn the reprimand he was given last year.

The complaint to the College of Physicians and Surgeons originated with lawyer Peter Rosenthal after a doctor pointed out to him that Bernstein was in breach of the rules with his advertising of his weight-loss clinics.

Rosenthal argued that Bernstein was making numerous unsubstantiated claims.

In its decision in July, the college's disciplinary committee upheld the complaint.

Bernstein, according to the finding, violated the advertising rules "in a number of significant ways."

Among other things, the committee faulted his use on his website of testimonials — such as M.P. lost 196 pounds in 14 months — and before-and-after photographs of allegedly successful dieters.

He also misused superlatives and failed to heed a ban on associating himself with the sale and promotion of products, the committee said.

For example, the committee took issue with Bernstein's claim to have helped "hundreds of thousands of people lose millions of pounds of excess weight and keep it off for life."

The committee found the claim "strains incredulity" and is not supported by objective scientific proof.

The committee, which noted Bernstein had been the subject of many similar complaints, only imposed a "caution."

"It is my view that that is insufficient," Rosenthal said Monday.

Bernstein is cross reviewing the adverse finding, arguing that even a caution was unwarranted. In submissions to the complaints committee, Bernstein said the popularity of the "Bernstein Diet" had prompted him to open dozens of weight-loss clinics across the country.

He argued his claim of keeping weight off "for life" was not intended to mean forever, but subsequently deleted the offending words.

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## Calgary. Man accused in animal killings bought pets on Kijiji: Investigator

Police say the man accused of starving and beating a cat and dog found dead in a Calgary alley in January acquired the animals from a seller on Kijiji.

It was the latest animal abuse case involving the popular online classifieds site and reignited caution from law-enforcement officials about offering unwanted pets online at no charge.

"If you add a value to the animal there's more of a likelihood that the person that's getting the animal is going to value the animal," said Brad Nichols, head of cruelty investigations with the Calgary Humane Society.

Early Monday, the society announced 19-year-old Nicolino Ivano Camardi has been charged with two counts of wilfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal.

On Jan. 9, the Calgary Humane Society was notified that a Siberian husky had been found dead in an alley,

suffering from severe starvation.

A second animal, a domestic short-haired cat, was found just metres away on Jan. 16.

Both animals had tape covering their mouths.

Medical examinations determined the dog died of starvation while the cat died of asphyxia due to ligature strangulation following multiple traumatic injuries to its head, tail and hind limbs.

Humane Society officials announced the charges Monday morning.

It's alleged Camardi bought the animals online two to three months before their bodies were discovered.

The accused was scheduled to appear in court Monday morning.

The grisly alleyway discoveries prompted an outcry from many animal lovers, most of them seeking harsher penalties for those convicted of cruelty.

**JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY**



## Brave animals become Hall of Famers

Edmonton police officer Const. Matthew Williamson looks at a photo of him and his service dog Quanto during the 46th annual Purina Animal Hall of Fame ceremony in Toronto on Monday. Quanto died from stab wounds during an altercation with a suspect in the line of duty. The five-year-old German shepherd was among the four dogs and one cat being honoured. The event recognizes extreme acts of courage, bravery and devotion by Canadian pets and service animals. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**



# Boko Haram leader threatens to sell kidnapped girls in Nigeria

## National outrage.

Protesters criticize military, President Goodluck Jonathan for inaction

Nigeria's Islamic extremist leader is threatening to sell the nearly 300 teenage schoolgirls abducted from a school in the remote northeast three weeks ago, in a new videotape received Monday.

Abubakar Shekau for the first time also claimed responsibility for the April 15 mass abduction, warning that his group plans to attack more schools and abduct more girls.

"I abducted your girls," said the leader of Boko Haram, which means "Western education is sinful."

He described the girls as "slaves" and said, "By Allah, I will sell them in the marketplace." The hour-long video starts with fighters lifting automatic rifles and shooting in the air as they chant "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great."

It was unclear if the video was made before or after reports emerged last week that some of the girls have been forced to marry their abductors — who paid a nominal bride price of \$12 — and that

others have been carried into neighbouring Cameroon and Chad. Those reports could not be verified.

In the video, Shekau also said the students "will remain slaves with us." That appears a reference to the ancient jihadi custom of enslaving women captured in a holy war, who then can be used for sex.

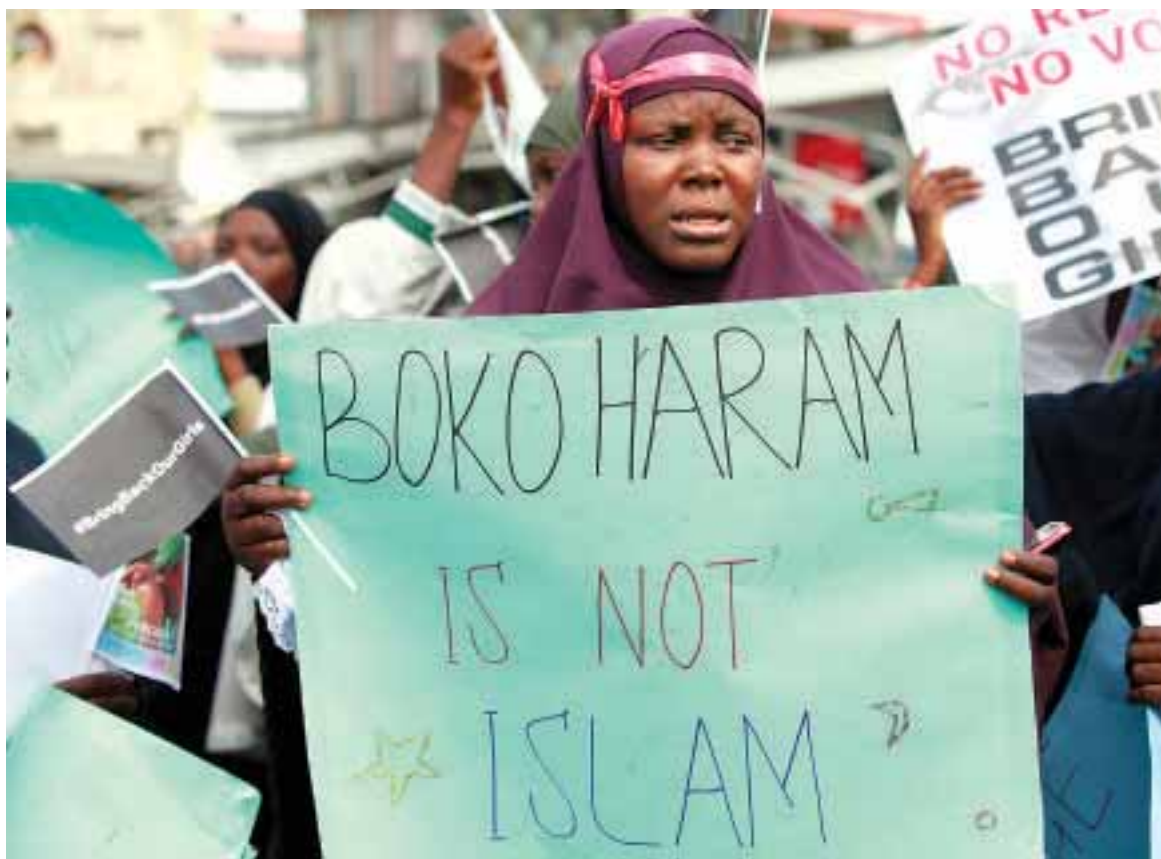
"They are slaves and I will sell them because I have the market to sell them," he said, speaking in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria.

The video was reviewed by The Associated Press, and both the face and the voice of the leader of Boko Haram were recognizable.

Shekau brushed off warnings that the abductions could be an international crime, saying in English, as if to reach his accusers in the international community: "What do you know about human rights? You're just claiming human rights (abuses), but you don't know what it is."

The mass abduction and the military's failure to rescue the girls and young women have ignited national outrage with demonstrations in major cities. Protesters accused President Goodluck Jonathan of insensitivity to the girls' plight.

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A woman attends a demonstration calling on the government to increase efforts to rescue the 276 missing kidnapped school girls of government secondary school Chibok, in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## WHO declares spread of polio a public health emergency



In this file photo from April of last year, a Somali child receives a polio vaccine at the Medina Maternal Child Health Center in Mogadishu, Somalia. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

For the first time ever, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary event" that required a co-ordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before travelling

abroad.

"Until it is eradicated, polio will continue to spread internationally, find and paralyze susceptible kids," Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio efforts, said during a press briefing. Critics, however, questioned whether Monday's announcement would make much of a difference, given the limits faced by governments confronting not only polio but armed insurrection and widespread poverty.

"What happens when you continue whipping a horse to go ever faster, no matter how rapidly he is already running?" said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who led the WHO's initiative to get rid of smallpox, the only human disease ever to have been eradicated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Greece's Aegean Sea. Smuggling boats capsize, killing migrants

At least 22 people — including families trapped in a flooded cabin — drowned when a yacht and a dinghy crammed with migrants trying to slip into Greece capsized Monday in the eastern Aegean Sea, authorities said.

Rescue teams led a

search for up to seven more people missing, in what was one of the deadliest migrant boat accidents in Greek waters in recent years and the third fatal one this year. Many on board were from war-torn or unstable countries in the Middle East and Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### East Congo

## Soldiers sentenced for mass rapes

A court has convicted and sentenced 25 soldiers accused of carrying out mass rapes in eastern Congo.

In rare convictions handed down Monday, a judge sentenced two soldiers to life

in prison, three to 20 years in jail and 20 to 10 years.

Thirteen of those charged were acquitted, with the court citing lack of evidence.

Authorities say at least 135 women and girls were raped in and around the town of Minova in eastern Congo in November 2012.

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# Neighbour tells trial he believes Pistorius shot girlfriend in error

## Two-week recess.

Defence tries to regain momentum after prosecutors appear to poke holes in double-amputee's story

Using witness accounts of a panicked nighttime phone call from Oscar Pistorius begging for help and his desperate pleas for Reeve Steenkamp to stay alive, the defence at his murder trial tried to reinforce its case Monday that the double-amputee Olympian fatally shot his girlfriend in a tragic error of judgment.

Johan Stander and his daughter Carice Viljoen, neighbours and friends of Pistorius, testified that they were at the runner's villa soon after the shooting on Feb. 14, 2013 and that Pistorius was praying, trying to help Steenkamp breathe and urging her to live. The world-famous disabled runner had shot four times through a toilet cubicle door minutes earlier, hitting Steenkamp in the hip, arm and head.

Stander testified that Pistorius phoned him at around 3:19 a.m. — about two minutes after the shoot-

## Prosecutors' version

Prosecutors maintain Oscar Pistorius, 27, is lying about the perceived trespasser, and his story is designed to cover up that he killed his 29-year-old girlfriend intentionally in the midst of a heated argument.

- The prosecution has focussed on events before the killing — and not Pistorius' demeanour afterward — to try and show that his version is a fabrication, including that he never attempted to locate Steenkamp despite knowing she was awake before walking to the bathroom and firing through the toilet door.

ing. Pistorius told him he had thought Steenkamp was an intruder and shot her, Stander testified, and Stander and his daughter went to Pistorius' house after the runner pleaded for him to come.

"I saw the truth there that morning" Stander testified, saying he believed the shooting was accidental because of Pistorius' desperation when they found him carrying a bloodied Steenkamp downstairs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Oscar Pistorius cradles his head in his hands in court Monday at the resumption of his murder trial, following a two week break, in Pretoria, South Africa. THOBILE MATHONSI, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Austria

### Nazi symbol on tombstone covered up

A swastika on a tombstone in an Austrian cemetery has been covered up after what state broadcaster ORF says was a police warning to the owner that he would be fined 4,000 euros (about \$6,000) unless the Nazi symbol was covered. A photo on its website showed it concealed by a small marble square.

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## U.S. Supreme Court

### Top court hears town's prayers

A narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court on Monday upheld Christian prayers at the start of local council meetings at the town of Greece, N.Y., declaring them in line with long national traditions though the country has grown more religiously diverse. The outcome relied heavily on a 1983 decision in which the court upheld an opening prayer in the Nebraska Legislature.

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## London, England

### Union calls off subway strike

Commuters in London, England, and the city's hordes of tourists are breathing more easily after a planned three-day subway strike was called off at the last minute after the union reported progress at talks with transport officials. The dispute centres on plans to close all ticket offices on the sprawling subway network. Officials say some 750 jobs would be lost. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Children's safety

### Baby gates not so safe, study finds

Baby gates meant to protect kids aren't always as safe as parents think. A new study by researchers at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, says nearly 2,000 U.S. kids get emergency room treatment each year from injuries resulting from falling through or climbing on these gates.

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# Circus accident probe focuses on clamp



Performers hang during an aerial hair-hanging stunt at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus May 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/COURTESY OF FRANK CAPRIO

A carabiner is the only piece of equipment investigators have found that failed in a circus accident in which eight aerial acrobats plummeted to the ground, a public safety official said Monday.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare stopped short of saying the broken carabiner was the cause of Sunday's accident at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus. He said federal workplace safety investigators were trying to determine why it snapped.

"We don't know if it was metal fatigue, if it wasn't properly positioned or something else," he added. "We just don't know."

The four- to five-inch steel clamp was one of several pieces at the top of a chandelier-like apparatus that suspended the performers in the air, fire officials said at a news conference. The clip

## Quoted

"Everyone was in shock.... It was pretty overwhelming to see that."

Rosa Viveiros, who was at the circus with her husband, their six-year-old grandson and nine-year-old niece, said she saw the acrobats had fallen on top of at least one other performer below, a man who stood up with his face bloodied.

was found in three pieces on the ground with its spine snapped.

Two of the acrobats were in critical condition Monday. Family members say their injuries included a pierced liver and neck and back fractures. Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros., said none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

A dancer who was on the ground was also injured and released from hospital Sunday, he said.

The circus said the women are from the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

The accident at the Dunkin' Donuts Center was witnessed by an audience of about 3,900, many of them children. Video taken by audience members shows a curtain dropping to reveal the eight women hanging from a metal apparatus suspended from above. Seconds later, as they begin to perform, the women fall, and the apparatus lands on them.

The hair-hanging stunt is described on the circus' website as being the brainchild of husband-and-wife team Andrey and Viktoriya Medeiros. Viktoriya is among the injured. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# Villagers still digging, hundreds still stranded days after deadly landslide

**Afghanistan.** Search continues for hundreds of victims of a landslide in Abi Barik village

Three days after the earth swept through his village, burying entire houses and hundreds of people, Hashmat Khan is still digging in search of his family.

Standing in a hole he'd dug out that reached over his head, Khan said six members of his family were buried in the horrific landslide that swept over the village of Abi Barik in Badakhshan province.

"We have rescued two injured and taken out two dead bodies, and now we're trying to find two more," he said.

One of the school teachers, Abdul Fatah Zafari, said the villagers have surveyed all the families and believe that around 50 students between ages of six to 15 died in the landslide.

The school building survived. But with what's left of Abi Barik under threat of further landslides and flooding, the surviving children haven't been able to attend school.

Zafari said he understood that helping needy people was the immediate priority but appealed to the government to also think about the school and health clinic.

The landslide was likely triggered by heavy rains that have fallen across northern Afghanistan in recent weeks.

It broke off a massive chunk of earth, burying hundreds of homes. Officials have said it will be impossible to bring up all the bodies, but many villagers have continued digging on their own.

Azizullah, who goes by one name as do many Afghans, said he was working on a construction site when he heard about the landslide and hurried home.

His house was covered with mud but eventually he was able

## Death and destruction

The landslide Friday killed hundreds of people, — still no one has an exact number — destroyed 300 homes, and displaced hundreds more families.

- Stranded and with no homes, many of the families have struggled to get aid.
- Some have slept in tents provided by aid groups. The unlucky ones have slept outside

to find his wife and children alive. But his father and one of his brothers are still missing.

"Probably they have died, but still we are looking for them," he said. "Over the past three days we have been digging in the area where we think they might be to find their bodies, but we couldn't find any of them." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Survivors receive food donations on Monday near the site of Friday's landslide that buried Abi Barik village in Badakhshan province, northeastern Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Idaho. Judge to decide on same-sex marriage ban

A federal magistrate says she will decide soon if Idaho's ban on same-sex marriage violates the equal protection guarantees of the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Candy W. Dale told attorneys for four couples Monday that the emotional case raised lots of questions, and that she would get a ruling out in the "relatively near future."

The four couples, all women, say Idaho discriminates by subjecting them to different tax rules and denying them rights given heterosexual families. Their attorney, Deborah Ferguson of Boise, said the sole purpose

of Idaho's 2006 constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage is to subject same-sex couples to stigma and shame.

"Ten out of 10 federal district courts which have considered challenges to their states' same sex marriage bans have found them to be unconstitutional, and likewise we are here to ask this court to do the same," Ferguson said.

The case comes down to a matter of states' choice and states' authority, said Thomas Perry, the attorney for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a defendant in the case.

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Wedding well-wishers in Idaho may soon be able to buy cards like these if a judge decides to overturn the state's gay marriage ban.

OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

## Canada and U.S.

### West reacts to crisis

Prime Minister Stephen Harper accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of mounting a "slow-motion" invasion of Ukraine as NATO's supreme commander warned that the international community's military posture needs to strike the balance between resolve and not appearing provocative.

Harper's latest broadside against the Russian leader came Monday in Ottawa at the start of talks with U.S. Gen. Philip Breedlove, the western alliance's operational commander in Europe.

Meanwhile, the White House in Washington says it's "extremely concerned" by the deteriorating situation in southern Ukraine.

The U.S. and Europe have been focused on eastern Ukraine where pro-Russian separatists have been occupying buildings. Spokesman Jay Carney says the possible loss of Odessa underscores the need for a de-escalation to the crisis.

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# More killed as tensions in east Ukraine escalate

Ukraine sent an elite national guard unit to its southern port of Odesa, desperate to halt a spread of the fighting between government troops and a pro-Russia militia in the east that killed combatants on both sides Monday.

The government in Kyiv intensified its attempts to bring both regions back under its control, but seemed particularly alarmed by the bloodshed in Odesa. It had been largely peaceful until Friday, when clashes killed 46 people, many of them in a government building that was set on fire.

Tensions in Ukraine also raised concerns in neighbouring Moldova, another former Soviet republic, where the government said it had put its borders on alert.

Moldova's breakaway Trans-Dniester region, located just northwest of Odesa and home to 1,500 Russian troops, is supported by Moscow, and many of its residents sympathize with the pro-Russia insurgency.

The loss of Odesa would be catastrophic for the interim government in Kyiv, leaving the country cut off from the Black



People mourn Yulia Izotova in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, Monday. Witnesses say the 21-year-old was killed by shots from a Ukrainian military column. A. ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sea. Ukraine already lost a significant part of its coastline in March, when its Crimean Peninsula was annexed by Russia.

Compared with eastern Ukraine, Odesa is a wealthy city with an educated and ethnically diverse population of more than 1 million.

In eastern Ukraine, gunfire and multiple explosions rang out in and around Slovyansk, a city of 125,000, which has become the focus of the armed

insurgency against the government in Kyiv.

The Russian Foreign Ministry put the blame squarely on Kyiv, which "stubbornly continues to wage war against the people of its own country."

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement that government troops were battling about 800 pro-Russia forces, which were deploying weapons and mortars.

The pro-Russia militia said at least eight people, both militiamen and locals, were killed. A spokesman with the militia said that of 10 people admitted to a hospital in Slovyansk with gunshot wounds, three later died. Five more were killed in fighting in the village of Semenivka.

Both sides indicated fighting was taking place at several sites. An Associated Press crew saw at least four ambulances rushing wounded to a hospital in Slovyansk and one militiaman being carried in for treatment.

The country is facing its worst crisis in decades after its president fled to Russia in February following months of street protests.

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### Medical marijuana

## Tweed Marijuana ships out drugs to Canadian clients

Tweed Marijuana, Canada's first publicly traded medical marijuana company, says it has shipped its first orders of the drug to clients.

Tweed started trading on the Toronto Venture Exchange last month and has a market capitalization of more than \$113 million.

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### Controversial ingredient

## BVO to go from all Coca-Cola drinks

Coca-Cola says it will drop a controversial ingredient from all its drinks that contain it, not just Powerade.

The change will apply to its drinks globally, meaning Canada and Latin America are phasing out the ingredient as well.

A spokesman for Coca-Cola noted that the ingredient is not used in many countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Luxury brands flock to Canada

A man walks past the Jimmy Choo shop in London, U.K. Two renowned luxury brands — Jimmy Choo and Versace — are launching their first stand-alone boutiques in Canada later this year. The shops are slated to open in Toronto. They join several other high-profile retailers and brands that have opened bricks-and-mortar locations in Canada over the past several years, including Microsoft, Ann Taylor, Loft, J. Crew and Target. Nordstrom will be following suit this fall with the opening of its first store in Calgary. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Google hits play on music streaming service for Canadians

## Music to our ears.

Google Play Music fills the void for Canucks still waiting for Spotify and Pandora to come here

Google is stepping into the streaming music game in Canada with the launch of Google Play Music, the latest in a growing number of services that could change how Canadians listen to their favourite songs.

The company announced Monday that its all-access subscription service would be the centrepiece for a broader digital music service that offers music on mobile phones, tablets and personal computers.

Aside from streaming, users can also buy tracks for their personal collections, quite similar to Apple's iTunes store.

Google's streaming service

is one of the most extensive offerings available to Canadians yet, and a highlight of the technology giant's launch into selling music in Canada.

Google Play Music users will have streaming access to 25 million songs, which the company says is several million more tracks than its U.S. users can access. The cost is \$9.99 per month, after an introductory rate.

The rollout will be available for phones and tablets on both the Android operating system and Apple's iOS devices.

The Canadian version will cater to local tastes, which includes a selection of Francophone music and a playlist that showcases this year's Juno Award winners.

The presence of legal on-demand streaming music has been limited in Canada.

Last year, free streaming music service Songza opened

an office in Toronto with the goal of getting a head start against its competitors like Spotify and Pandora, two popular international streaming services that aren't yet available in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# DRAKE DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW BEST

It's incredibly easy for us to make new digital connections — you can acquire hundreds of online friends in minutes just by pressing a handful of buttons — but how much energy are you investing in working on your real-life social networks?

Friendships play a crucial role in our lives. Science has shown time and time again that maintaining close ties with our fellow human beings provides us with a wide variety of mental, emotional and physical benefits. One study even suggests that being lonely or having weak social bonds is a health risk comparable to smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day or being an alcoholic.

If platonic pals are beneficial for the mind, body and soul, reason would suggest that we try to accumulate as many as possible. However, evolutionary anthropologist Robin Dunbar argues that the cognitive limitations of our brains also impose limits on our ability to sustain stable so-



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cial connections. You might have amassed hundreds of Facebook buddies, but humans can actually only comfortably maintain about an average of 150 genuine relationships. That number might be even lower for us technology obsessed, socially stunted Millennials.

So while TV sitcoms would have us believe we'll spend our whole lives hanging out with the same handful of people at the same bar year after year after year, real life doesn't work like that. If our brains can only handle a finite number of contacts, it's practical to audit your social circle every once in a while, online and in real life, to evaluate how and with whom you're spending your time.

As we get older, our interests and values inevitably change and we naturally begin to drift away from certain people. Toronto rapper Drake might have a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding onto old friendships at the expense of

## Don't make it The Motto

Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding on to old friendships at the expense of making new ones.

making new ones.

I'm not suggesting that you should start eliminating old friends from your life like you're picking off contestants on a reality show. There is something very special about deep-rooted relationships; those BFFs who have known and loved you at your best and our worst, through bad breakups and even worse wardrobe choices.

But recognizing when you've outgrown certain individuals you have nothing in common with anymore can help you create some room in your brain and in your life for a few new friends.

## ZOOM

### Manufacturing tradition



A team dressed as characters from *The Wizard of Oz* roll wooden 'cheese' during the Stilton Village Festival cheese-rolling competition on May 6 in Stilton, England. Local people are currently involved in a campaign to bring Stilton cheesemaking back to the village. The cheese is currently made in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

#### How this cheesy village rolls

An annual tradition invented about 50 years ago to revitalize local businesses attracted about 2,000 people to the Cambridgeshire village of Stilton in the U.K. this year.

The cheese-rolling competition takes place every May Day Bank Holiday Monday in Stilton — the village which gave the cheese its name. Teams roll wooden blocks resembling cheese through the streets. **BBC.COM**

#### 'Ancient tradition' cooked up by locals

Cheese rolling was invented by two pub landlords who told villagers it was "an ancient tradition" in order to encourage them and others to take part.

Blocks of wood have to be used, because an actual block of cheese would not survive being rolled along the main road. The "cheese" is a block cut from an old telegraph pole and painted to look like the blue-veined cheese. **BBC.COM**

#### Road takes its toll

- The event was originally dreamt up to encourage visitors after the village was bypassed by the A1 in 1959.
- The village, on the old Great North Road between Huntingdon and Peterborough, got rid of its traffic jams when the bypass was built, but the High Street and North Street lost passing trade as a result.

## METRO AUGMENTED REALITY

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### Call your local councillor



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As part of Bristol, England's Make Sunday Special campaign, streets are set up for pedestrian-friendly activities like dancing, yoga classes, concerts and art crawls.

All laudable. But even with the schedule reaching into fall, it'll be hard to top artist Luke Jerram's Park And Slide: a 300-foot, slip-and-slide soap show that drew more than 96,000 people to a lottery deciding who would be among the lucky 360 to belly their way down Park Street. As for us in Canada, there's plenty of summer left for letter campaigns to city halls.



SCREENGRAB

(Via Cinematic Media on Vimeo)



# Showgirls: The good, the bad and the ugly

**Panned but not forgotten.** Film critic Adam Nayman explores the cult success of Showgirls

**MATT PRIGGE**  
Metro World News

When it came out, Showgirls was a punching bag. It still is — it's just that now people actually enjoy hating it. It's become a bad cinema classic. But a wave of supporters, including J. Hoberman, Jim Jarmusch and Jacques Rivette, argue that it's a self-aware satire along the lines of director Paul Verhoeven's other work, including RoboCop and Starship Troopers. To this posse, add the critic, scholar and Metro writer Adam Nayman, whose book *It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls makes a convincing and enjoyable case for its sneaky and subversive craft.*

## Did you always feel this way about Showgirls?

I saw it in theatres when it came out. I had to sneak in. The reason I wanted to see it at 14 was I wanted to see why it got zero stars from The Globe and Mail. I was interested in why people thought it was so bad. That probably had something to do with how I watched it the first time: Instead of being skeptical of the movie, I was skeptical of the negativity. Even though I liked it as a teenager, because I thought it was funny and outrageous, it wasn't until I got a little older and a little more well-versed with Verhoeven that I thought it could support a book.

## The path of this movie from punchline to video hit is rather extraordinary.

One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn. You couldn't find a film critic in 1995 who would give this



Since its release, Showgirls has gained a sizeable cult following. CONTRIBUTED

movie the time of day. And now whether it's for ironic reasons or if people are recognizing the artistry in it, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't like it.

## One of the questions raised by its viewers is whether Verhoeven and/or writer Joe Eszterhas knew what they were doing.

I would argue that they knew what they were doing. I know Elizabeth Berkley is a tough element to reconcile. I saw it recently, and people who had never seen it before were saying they didn't think she was that bad. That was a revelation to me — that there were people who were seeing Showgirls for the first time and they didn't even

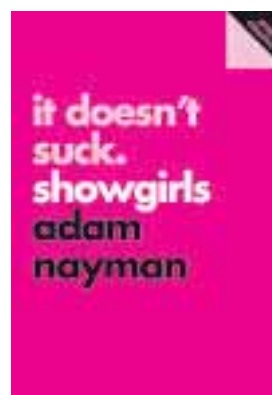
think the one seemingly obvious bad thing about it was very bad at all.

## But even if one thinks it's bad cinema, it's not your typical bad cinema.

You see a film like The Room and nobody would say, "Oh, that's not that bad, the acting isn't that bad, the camera angles aren't that bad."

This to me is a little closer to Ishtar. I think that's a good film, too. It's interesting to see how people watching it for the first time now see it as opposed to people burrowed into that climate in 1987, when the film is a punchline.

I hate the mentality that something is clearly bad because everyone says so. Critics just save up their one-liners or put-downs instead of maybe applying to movies that are not consensus bombs. I don't particularly like The Lone Ranger, but that just seemed like an odd case where instead of engaging with what's in it, everyone was racing to put it down the most viciously.



Showgirls is a really terrible victim of that. You'd be hard-pressed, 15 or 20 years later, to find a critic who would stick to their original consensus.

## Where do you stand?

I wish I'd read more things about Showgirls that said what I think about it, which is that it's well-crafted and some of that craft is persuasive, and then it clashes with how craven some of the dialogue and some of the characters are. To me that would be a more valid critical observation. Instead, you just read review after review of people saying how inept it is and comparing it craft-wise and style-wise to Valley of the Dolls. That's when you realize these people weren't really trying. Or if they were trying, they're just not very good at their jobs.

## It's become de rigueur for trash cinema to get re-claimed. An entire culture has thrived defending, even intellectualizing genre films that don't get major awards.

Actually, the movies that tend to never get rewritten about, never get analyzed deeply or have interesting online writing about them are well-reviewed, upper-middle-brow movies from the '80s and '90s.

When I go to the Internet Movie Database to find a review of something that came out in the mid-'90s, I find there's a couple of dead links for The Washington Post or The New York Times from 1994. You can't find anything else about it. Whereas if it's a genre film, like Species, you can find really long-form online writing about it.

## DVD review



## Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell, Jason Dohring, Enrico Colantoni

The big-screen version of the cult TV series about a teen detective (Kristen Bell) is a homecoming designed to check off all the boxes for the many who wrote the Kickstarter cheques to make it happen.

Newcomers may find themselves mystified by the show's appeal. The movie looks and unfolds more like a pilot for the cancelled fourth Veronica Mars TV season, rather than a rebuilding of the franchise.

Reprising her title role as the teen sleuth in shady beach burgh Neptune, Calif., Bell brings us briskly up to date. Veronica has supposedly moved on from Neptune (she's now an honours law grad with a job in New York), but the movie is like pressing "play" on a PVR, for a story laden with shout-outs but short on substance.

## The Deep End

Director. David Siegel, Scott McGehee

Stars. Tilda Swinton, Jonathan Tucker, Goran Visnjic

This Hitchcockian update of a thriller is a movie you just want to stare at — Giles Nuttgens' cinematography won a prize at Sundance.

Margaret Hall (Tilda Swinton) is a stressed-out housewife who lives with her three children and father-in-law in a very nice house overlooking picturesque Lake Tahoe.

Margaret's reserve is tested when her teenage son (Jonathan Tucker) becomes involved with an older nightclub owner (Josh Lucas) in nearby Reno. A series of events turn deadly and a stranger (Goran Visnjic) shows up at Margaret's door, seeking her attention — and hush money.

This is a film that holds its suspense to the very last drop. **PETER HOWELL**

## Quoted



"One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn." Adam Nayman, author of *It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls*, on the film's rise in popularity

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Bryan Singer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## X-Men director accused of sexually assaulting a second teen boy

A second man has come forward accusing X-Men: Days of Future Past director Bryan Singer of sexual assault.

The British man, referred to as John Doe #117, is represented by Jeff Herman, the same lawyer as the first accuser, Michael Egan. Doe claims he was introduced to Singer at the U.K. premiere party for Superman Returns

when he was 17 years old. His complaint claims that Singer offered him drugs, and later grabbed him in a sexual manner and asked him to perform sex acts, according to The Daily Beast. After he refused, he says, a "large, muscle-bound man" hit him.

Singer's lawyer, Marty Singer, maintained that the accusations are false.

### The Word

## Just how many celeb doppelgängers does blonde Levine have?

When Pretty McPretty boy Adam Levine tweeted out this photo of his new hairstyle (along with his pillow-lipped fiancée, Behati Prinsloo) on Saturday, everyone got pretty mad that he would go ahead and ruin that pretty face of his. So mad that "Adam Levine" started trending. However, the Maroon 5 singer took it all in stride. "I hope people understand that when they say my hair looks creepy, I take that as the highest compliment," he wrote about the hairy backlash.

However, Levine must



TWITTER

know that he now looks like a certain ... someone. Maybe even a few someones? We compiled the women — and man — he now resembles. Anyone we're missing? Write to scene@metronews.ca to let us know.



Ryan Gosling



Pink



Tilda Swinton



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

## Kute kouple Kimye get wedding licence

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian are well on their way to wedded bliss. They have the multi-million dollar home, they have the baby and now they have the papers.

Life & Style is reporting the power duo are officially married on paper, after a source told the magazine they got their licence in California. Although they could just be teasing us, since they've got 90 days to get hitched in the county in which they received their marriage licence.

In any case, the spectacle isn't off: Sources say plans are still on for their huge Paris wedding this month.

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# Gettin' swishy with it

**Oil pulling.** Does this Ayurvedic detox technique actually work, or is it just a load of hogwash?

**ROMINA MCGUINNESS**  
Metro World News in London

Oil pulling — an ancient Ayurvedic ritual whereby unrefined oil is swished in the mouth for 10 to 20 minutes a day — is thought to improve oral health and reduce toxic inflammation in the body. Two experts talk us through the mechanics and potential benefits of this holistic, and pretty harmless, technique.

## It's a detox trick that's not expensive or difficult

According to L.A.-based neurologist and Ayurveda expert Dr. Kulreet Chaudhary, this is all you need to do: Wake up and either brush or floss your teeth. Now take one tablespoon of vegetable oil (or simply half fill the mouth) and slowly start to swirl it around, pulling it through your teeth. The idea is that you're not gargling it, but actively swishing it in your mouth. Do this for 10 to 20 minutes and then spit out the oil (do not swallow it as it now contains toxins), and brush your teeth again.

"The theory behind this practice is that saliva is one of the conduits for toxins throughout your body. This is because the salivary glands are able to pull toxins out of the bloodstream and store them there at a higher concentration," she tells Metro.

"What oil pulling does is it increases the secretion of saliva and extrapolates some of the toxins that have been sucked into the glands by trap-



Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties, so coconut oil is a popular choice for oil pulling. ISTOCK

ping them inside the oil."

## Cure-all for almost everything

According to Chaudhary, oil pulling is one of the cheapest, and fastest, ways of getting rid of a mild dental disease.

"When done daily, oil pulling can help cure conditions such as tartar build-up, bad breath and gingivitis within weeks," says Chaudhary. But she says it goes way beyond oral hygiene.

"The mouth is kind of a measuring stick in terms of inflammation for the rest of the body.

"If I have a patient suffering from heavy metal poisoning, migraines or rheumatoid arthritis, this is one the tools I use to help detox their entire body," she adds.

## The best oil of them all?

"In Ayurvedic medicine, sesame oil is believed to be a complete oil: one that suits all body types and constitutions. It also contains high amounts of vitamin C, which can help heal wounds and strengthen the immune system," says Dr. Deepa Apté, an Ayurvedic practitioner.

He says sesame oil's ability to permeate the cell membranes make it ideal for oil pulling. That said, make sure you're not using an oil you're allergic to; sunflower or coconut work just as well.

"Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties and is a good option for people suffering from inflammation in the body — the root cause of most diseases and internal imbalances," says Chaudhary.

## Your face is getting action

The contracting-relaxing motion engages your facial muscles in a mini-workout. "When done regularly, oil pulling helps increase blood circulation to the face and reduces the appearance of fine lines and dark circles," says Apté.

## Natural — not miracle — cure

"There's this misconception. People are like, 'I'm still going to eat my doughnut, drink my Coke and stay up all night — but I'll do oil pulling.' It's something we do to balance the body, but it doesn't erase a bad habit," warns Chaudhary. "It gets a little misleading to say it will cure your acne or fix your teeth because it's never given in isolation; it's part of a toolbox for controlling a condition."

For your phone

**My Incredible Body (iPad, iPhone; \$2.99)**



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This 3D atlas of the human body offers narrated fly-throughs and interactive activities that demonstrate how major body functions and senses work. An excellent resource for parents and curious kids.



Half-Off

Now that spring has sprung, Elisha has recommitted to her Half-Off goal and put more exercise at the top of the list. With intentions to ride her bike to work every day, would a fluke spring snowstorm finally be the event that derailed her? Visit [metronews.ca/voices/halfoff](http://metronews.ca/voices/halfoff) to find out.



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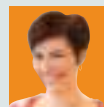
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## Spoons and forks are sooo last season



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This season it is all about handheld food.

The days of the dog being the only thing eaten on city streets and at cookouts is over.

More gourmet foods are hitting the pavement and one of the best examples of that can be found at Kanga, Toronto's first Aussie meat pie shop.

Intended to be enjoyed Down Under style with all the ease and swagger of an Australian treat, Aussies get cheeky with nontraditional fillings like butter chicken and pulled pork.

Co-owners Megan Chan and Erynn Maynes say, "Aussie meat pies are saucier than your average pie, topped with flakey puff

pastry, and are intended to be eaten with one hand only. The other is strictly reserved for the beverage of your choice!"

Go handheld with these other ideas this summer:

- Sushi hand rolls
- Tacos are still all the rage
- Pulled pork in lettuce wraps
- Jumbo samosas
- Empanadas
- Tamales

Remember that the sides and dressings can make or break your calorie count. Mustard and hot sauce, yes! Mayo and anything deep fried, no.

And always, always fill up with a salad.

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# Burgers and pizza, there's a new handheld kid on the block

## Aussie Meat Pie.

These savoury filled pastries are perfect for those days when you don't have time to slow down

1. Preheat your electric pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker.
2. On medium heat, fry the onion in the oil and butter till soft. Add garlic and thyme.
3. Sprinkle the flour in the

### Ingredients

- 1/2 medium onion
- 1 tbsp butter + 1 tbsp oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp flour
- 3/4 cup dark beer
- 1 lb lean ground beef

## FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

pan and fry until a light golden colour (about 1 minute).

4. Pour in the beer and incorporate with the flour, and the mixture will thicken. Allow the beer to reduce for 3-4 minutes.
5. In a separate frying pan, fry ground beef and drain off fat. Add in tomato paste.



This recipe makes two pies. THERESA ALBERT

6. Add the cooked ground beef mixture and beef stock into the pan with beer and onions.

7. Season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside.

8. Line pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle

maker with pastry, spoon in filling (usually about 1/3 of a cup). Allow to cook according to appliance instructions, usually about 8 minutes.

9. Enjoy with ketchup — or "tomato sauce" as the Aussies call it! Cheers, mate!

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NHL playoffs

## Habs not hesitant to cry foul on Bruins' 'strategy'

The mind games have begun in the Boston-Montreal playoff series.

Canadiens coach Michel Therrien said Monday his team won't be put off by what he feels are the Bruins' attempts to plant a seed of doubt in goalie Carey Price's head.

Or by what he feels is Bruins coach Claude Julien's bid to catch a break from the referees.

"It's something they've tried in the past," said Therrien, whose team emerged from the opening two games in Boston tied 1-1 in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal.

"It's a part of their strategy. It's the same thing with Claude's comments, how they had to deal with penalties — which I find they're coming out of pretty well. They're trying to influence the decisions of the officials."

Game 3 is set for Tuesday night in Montreal.

Bruins defencemen Dougie Hamilton and Torey Krug have suggested the key to beating Price is to shoot high with traffic in front of the net.

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NHL playoffs

**"These are the Boston Bruins. It's always been like this and it won't change."**

Montreal Canadiens coach Michel Therrien suggesting that the Boston Bruins are attempting to play mind games.

# Knights 1-2 punch sit among the greats

**Hockey.** Through OHL title runs and Memorial Cups, Bo and Max have seen so much together



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London has had its fair share of great athletes, including two who just happened to be at Budweiser Gardens on Monday.

Certainly defenceman Rob Ramage and goalie Jeff Hackett were household names for London hockey fans after 15 seasons each in the National Hockey League.

But neither Rob nor Jeff were ever recognized by simply mentioning their first names.

Such is not the case now when it comes to current London Knights, Bo and Max.

Not one Knights fan worth his or her salt wouldn't know that those first names were attached to Horvat and Domi.

And while Rob was strolling through the back of the Gardens on Monday and Jeff was on the ice helping tutor current Knights goalies, Bo and Max were preparing for their third Memorial Cup in as many seasons.

That's after three Knights regular seasons, two Ontario Hockey League titles, 483 total points in 469 games and a relationship the two have nurtured since minor hockey.

"It's really special. We've been close buddies since we both came to London," Domi said Monday.

The two also played minor



Centre Bo Horvat takes aim during practice Monday as the London Knights prepare for their third Memorial Cup in as many seasons, this time as hosts beginning May 16 at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Open practice

The Knights will have a free intra-squad scrimmage Friday at Budweiser Gardens, beginning at 7 p.m.

- No tickets are required and donations for the Children's Health Foundation will be accepted at the doors.

hockey against each other in Toronto, Horvat with the Red Wings and Domi with the Marlies.

"Obviously, he's a hell of a player now, but he was just as good back then. He was dominant and nothing has really changed," Domi said.

They were also matched up at the NHL draft last June when the two forwards were taken in the first round, Horvat by Vancouver in the ninth spot and Domi by Phoenix three selections later.

"To kind of go through all the same things with somebody your age and to do all

those things with Max is something that's helped, somebody you can talk to about it," Horvat said.

Domi said the camaraderie led to an amusing incident during a Coyotes-Canucks pre-season game in Vancouver last September.

"The whole warmup I just kept smiling and looking over, and I don't think we touched one puck the whole warmup. We were just looking at each other and just laughing the whole time and the guys were coming up to us saying, 'What the hell is going on? What are you laughing at?'"

"It was just pretty cool to see him over there in an NHL jersey and definitely a very special moment for both of us."

# Lowry leaning towards Raptors return



Kyle Lowry speaks to reporters on Monday in Toronto.

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The morning after the Toronto Raptors' season ended and two months before he becomes a free agent, Kyle Lowry wasn't keen to talk about his future.

But the Raptors point guard certainly sounds like he's not going anywhere.

"I love this place. I love this situation. It's as simple as that," Lowry said Monday.

The Raptors met with reporters the day after their 104-103 Game 7 loss to the Brooklyn Nets that ended their first playoff run in six seasons, and if there was a recurring theme, it

Changing of the point guard

After earning a reputation for being moody and difficult last season, Kyle Lowry returned this past fall with a different demeanour, and went on to have a solid season, averaging

17.9 points and 7.4 assists.

- He then shone in the playoffs, scoring a career high of 36 points in Game 5.

was a sense of satisfaction from a season that turned out far better than most envisioned, and a desire to stick together.

Coach Dwane Casey is in the final year of his contract — al-

though The Associated Press had an anonymous source confirm that the coach signed a three-year deal with the team late Monday. Kyle Lowry becomes a free agent July 1.

Lowry said he hasn't spoken to his agent yet. His mind was still on Sunday's loss, particularly the game's final play that saw his shot blocked. But he said "of course" he can see himself in a Raptors jersey next season.

"We just went to Game 7, first round. Nobody expected us to be there. Of course I can see that," said Lowry, who went on to praise his teammates. "It's a great mixture, actually. I said it yesterday: It's the best 14 other guys I've had in a locker-room in my career." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## UFC

## Rousey rips TUF

A recent impromptu brawl between rival coaches Chael Sonnen and Wanderlei Silva on the TV set of *The Ultimate Fighter: Brazil* had MMA fans rushing to find the video.

Not UFC women's bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey, who was a coach on Season 18. "They

don't know the first thing about fighting," she said.

"They treated us like we were *Real Housewives of Atlanta* and not elite athletes that should be respected."

**Ronda Rousey**  
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## NBA

## Carter-Williams named top rookie

Michael Carter-Williams has something to show for being a bright spot in a dismal season for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Carter-Williams won the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award on Monday after becoming only the third

player since 1950-51 to lead all rookies in scoring (16.7), rebounding (6.3) and assists (6.2).



**Michael Carter-Williams**  
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were the others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NBA

## LBJ supports Durant being named MVP

LeBron James of the Miami Heat says Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant would be a deserving winner of the NBA MVP award.

It's expected that Durant will be announced as this season's MVP later this week. James has lauded Du-

rant's play this season several times in recent weeks, doing so again on Monday.

James says: "Much respect to him and he deserves it. He had a big-time MVP season."

**LeBron James**  
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# Canada riding high ahead of Commonwealth Games

**Rugby.** History was made on weekend when Canucks reached final of a Sevens World Series competition

## Rugby powerhouse

New Zealand has never lost at the Commonwealth Games, winning gold every time. The All Blacks are also defending World Series champions and have won four of eight stops on the circuit this season while finishing runner-up twice.

The Canadian seven rugby side flew out of Glasgow on Monday having made history there by reaching the final at an HSBC Sevens World Series stop for the first time.

Next time the Canadian men are in Scotland, Commonwealth Games medals will be on the line.

It was a banner weekend for the Canadians at the Glasgow Sevens. They won their preliminary pool Saturday, defeating Japan and France and tying England. Canada then defeated Kenya 14-5 in the quarter-final and Scotland 10-7 in the semi-final before going down 54-7 at the hands of powerful New Zealand in the final.

The lopsided loss made

for a strange "bit of an empty feeling." Sunday that was undeserved, said head coach Geraint John.

"We shouldn't have had that, really," he said Monday before heading to London. "Because to get to the final in the (World) Series for the very first time, it's a pretty outstanding achievement by everyone."

"I think today everybody's feeling a little bit better."

Canada will be up in Scotland soon enough, facing familiar foes at the Commonwealth Games, which run July 23 to Aug. 3. It has been put in

Pool A with defending champion New Zealand, Scotland and Nigeria.

Pool B consists of South Africa, Kenya, Cook Islands, and Trinidad and Tobago. Pool C features Samoa, Wales, Papua New Guinea and Malaysia. Pool D is made up of England, Australia, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

The top two from each group advance.

The competition will take place before a sellout crowd at Ibrox Stadium, home to Glasgow Rangers soccer club.

John said Sunday's final was an emotional experience, hearing the Canadian anthem before the game for the first time.

Canadians Phil Mack and John Moonlight were both named to the Glasgow tournament's all-star or Dream Team. Conor Trainor, meanwhile, turned heads with a circus-like try against France when he got his boot to a low pass in mid-flight and managed to tap it into his hands before sprinting over the line. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Harry Jones of Canada breaks free of the New Zealand defence to score during the IRB Glasgow Sevens in Glasgow, Scotland. Scan this image with your Metro News app to see more from Sunday's action. MARK RUNNACLES/GETTY IMAGES

## Gay, lesbian athletes following playbook in coming out



Michael Sam could become the NFL's first openly gay player. GETTY IMAGES FILE

A new type of playbook is fast evolving in the world of sports: An informal, common-sense protocol for how prominent gay and lesbian athletes can come out with maximum acclaim and minimum turmoil.

Key decisions include how to reveal one's story, whom to tell it to and — crucially — when to tell it.

"The earlier in the off-season, the better," said Cyd Zeigler, a co-founder of the website Outsports, the platform of choice for many athletes to share their coming-out story.

"Minimizing the distraction to your teammates is super important," Zeigler said. "I recommend to everyone, 'Don't do it in the middle of the season.'"

Jason Collins used an April 2013 column in *Sports Illustrated* to become the first openly gay player in the NBA. He's now a reserve with the Brooklyn Nets.

In February, Missouri defensive end Michael Sam came out via co-ordinated coverage by ESPN, *The New York Times* and *Outsports*. Sam is projected as a middle-round

prospect in the NFL draft this week, which would put him on track to be the league's first openly gay player.

On April 9, University of Massachusetts guard Derrick Gordon became the first openly gay player in Division I men's basketball, making the announcement on ESPN and *Outsports* two days after the NCAA championship game.

Speculation persists about when the first openly gay players will surface in Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League.

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## A piece of advice

Break the news before anyone else does, public relations expert Howard Bragman advises athletes considering coming out.

- Don't feel obligated to repeat your story, Bragman says. Choose wisely how you tell it and whom you tell it to, because the first stories will define the narrative.



## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will get what you desire today but you will have to pay a price for it. The planets will reward you for your hard work but they will also ask you to sacrifice something you may not want to give up.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The Sun's link to Jupiter will give your confidence a much-needed boost today but you may still have to learn that in order to get some you also have to give some.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will be in one of your more impulsive moods today. Try not to spend money on things you don't need unless you know you can afford it — and unless you have won the lottery you know full well you cannot.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You will be called upon to help someone in need and no matter how busy you might be with your own tasks and chores you must come to their aid.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets warn that you may have deviated from your blueprint by a small amount, so maybe you should stand back from what you are working on and make sure it is still going according to plan.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's time to get working on something of a creative nature that you have been thinking about for quite some time. It will take a great deal of effort, both physical and mental, but it will be a success.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't try to force others to do your bidding today because they will make such an emotional scene that even you will be embarrassed.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone you encounter on your travels will turn out to be a very important contact, both personally and professionally. Make an effort to get out and about and meet people.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If others won't give you what you deserve then you will just have to take it for yourself. You have worked long and hard to reach your current position and have no intention of letting others take the glory.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be eager for success but don't forget the many responsibilities that go with it. Remember, once you have committed to do something, once you have signed on the line.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something is holding you back, something is stopping you from reaching your true potential. According to the planets it could be your own self-doubt that is preventing you from pushing ahead.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Keep your long-term goals at the forefront of your mind and don't let anyone put you off your quest. So-called friends will come up with all sorts of reasons why you should think again. Be true to your instincts. SALLY BROMPTON

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### Across

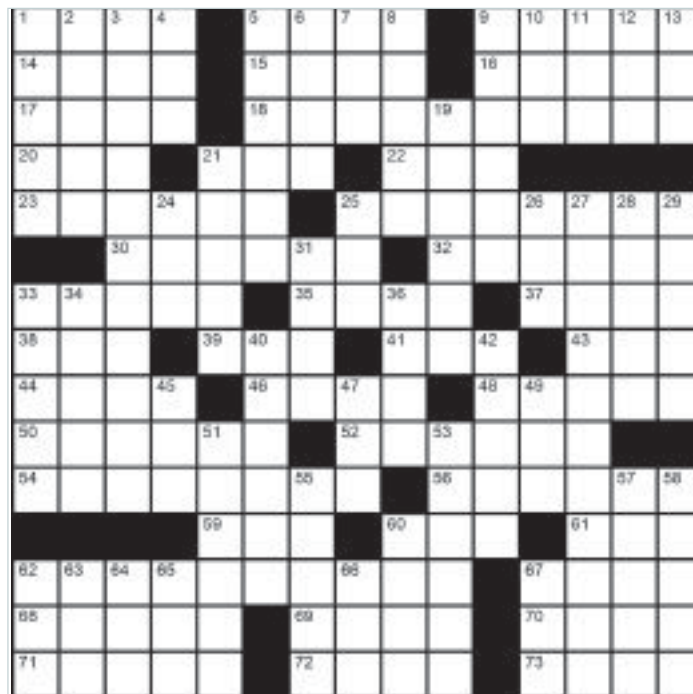
1. Sort
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15. Jumble
16. France: Winery river valley
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18. Annual overseas song contest currently underway in Copenhagen
20. "\_\_\_ be better if..."
21. Gallery piece
22. Movie genre, \_\_\_com
23. Sedately
25. Southern Ontario city; or, ABBA song which was the #18-Across winner in 1974
30. Toronto-born jazz singer, \_\_\_Claire Barlow
32. The Band's "\_\_\_ Be Released"
33. Hurt
35. Mr. Griffin
37. 'Chant' suffix
38. Mailing encl.
39. Champion
41. Moray \_\_\_
43. Finished with work [abbr.]
44. British streetcar
46. 'Problem' suffix
48. Kimberly Stewart's mom
50. Country singer

52. Impaler's weapons
54. Toronto Blues Jays sport
56. Degrees
59. Poet's 'not closed'
60. Mr. Craven
61. Bottle's 'lid'
62. Biosphere Reserve region of Quebec
67. Volcanic shape

68. Beach item
  69. Against
  70. Russian river
  71. Ms. Blair
  72. Egg masses
  73. Alter
- Down**
1. Joe \_\_\_ (Colorado Avalanche executive born in Burnaby, BC)
  2. Songbook stan-

- dard: "\_\_\_ Kick Out of You"
3. Spring's curly-topped shoots
4. Froms opposites
5. Ms. Crow
6. Seagoing, shortly
7. Galilee's locale [abbr.]
8. Ms. Birch
9. Juno-winning

- musician aka Claire Boucher
10. Uncertain utterances
11. Law: French
12. Ancient veil-giver
13. Study
19. Certain candle
21. Actress Ms. Valli
24. French 'Mrs.'
25. Diminutive



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26. Scoreboard letters over 'o o o' at the start of a game of #54-Across
27. War of 1812 heroine, b.1775 - d.1868: 2 wds.
28. Clark Kent's co-worker Jimmy
29. "Get Here" by \_\_\_ Adams
31. "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"
33. Take \_\_\_ at (Attempt)
34. "Cheers" barmaid
36. Prefix with 'angle'
40. Toasty tray tidbit
42. The Great \_\_\_
45. Michie \_\_\_, Canadian rapper
47. PEI part [abbr.]
49. After-Exodus bk.
51. Ancient cloak
53. Tony-winning Canadian actress Ms. Smith (b.1921 - d.1993)
55. Mr. Burton
57. Hawaiian island
58. Wheat type
60. \_\_\_-Out (Bic product)
62. Li'l dollar parts
63. Gardener's tool
64. Hole-punching tool
65. Ad \_\_\_ (Relevant)
66. "Thou, too, sail \_\_\_, \_ Ship of State!" - Longfellow
67. Pool stick

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

2	4	1	3	9	7	6	8	5
6	8	7	1	4	5	9	2	3
3	9	5	8	6	2	4	1	7
1	2	6	9	5	3	7	4	8
4	3	9	7	2	8	1	5	6
5	7	8	6	1	4	2	3	9
7	1	2	5	3	8	9	4	6
9	6	3	4	8	1	5	7	2
8	5	4	2	7	9	3	6	1

2			9		6			
6				5	9			3
			8		4			
		6	9	3	7		8	
5		8	6		4	2		
		2		6				
9		3	4					2
		4		7				1

Today

15°/6°

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Wednesday

15°/10°

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